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the production at the Hydroelectric Works of LAG Priskert was not essentially affected by the events of 17 June 1953. The summer stopping of the work took place from 1 to 11 July 1953. The result was a July production which was considerably lower than the plan quota. An electrical Pelton turbine was scheduled to be erected soon, since the available six Pelton pumps, including two with additional electric drive for the delivery of compressed water to the carbon acid washers, were scarcely sufficient for the operation of six hydrogen compressors in summer, and since a seventh hydrogen compressor and eighth pressure washer were also to be employed to maintain full output of seven compressors during the summer months from May through September. The installation was under construction. The washer was scheduled to be built from two pressure tanks available at the plant. With an amount of 1,560 tons of tar daily processed when seven compressors were operating and with the four existing washing tanks unable to wash this daily amount of tar which had to clear for at least 48 hours, the light oil tank was planned to be used for the purpose, while the 2,000 cubic meters tank which had been destroyed during the war was to be rebuilt for storing light oil. The existing 2,000 cubic meters mixing tank which had to mix tar and light oil for a consumption of 1,830 tons of mixture per day also could not obtain the degree of mixture required for high pressure operation. Two other tanks, each with a capacity of 2,000 cubic meters, were therefore being erected. All gasoline tanks were full to capacity, and many tank cars stood on side tracks as a result of sales difficulties. Power gas also was in ample supply. Gasoline had recently, for the first time, been delivered to Hungary. The planned erection of a lubricant plant and a fatty acid factory had been postponed in conjunction with the new political course.

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